

Application Number 10/664,140
Responsive to Office Action mailed April 20, 2005

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated April 20, 2005. Applicants have amended claims 1, 12, 15, 18, 19, 26 and 28. Claims 1-29 are still pending.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 22-25 are allowable in their present form.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-7, 11, 13-17, 20-21 and 26-28 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wong et al. (US 6,101,059). The Examiner objected to claims 8-10, 12, 18-19 and 29 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten into independent form.

In this response, Applicants have amended all independent claims to be in condition for immediate allowance. Specifically, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the features formerly recited in claim 12, which the Examiner indicated as being allowable. In addition, Applicants have amended independent claims 15, 26 and 28 to include similar limitations. All pending claims are now in condition for allowance.


For the record, Applicants respectively point out that dependent claims 12, 18 and 19, and independent claim 26 and 28 have been further amended to specify that the servo information is in a plurality of servo frames of servo tracks that extend along a length of the data storage tape on the first and second sides. Applicants believe that these additional features even further distinguish Wong. The amendments to dependent claims 12, 18 and 19, and independent claims 26 and 28 find support in Applicants' specification in several places, including paragraphs [0031], [0032] and [0039].

In view of these amendments, all claims in this application are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 09-0069. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney to discuss this application.

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